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1. FONMIN SCHACHT TELEPHONED ME LAST NIGHT TO SAY HE HAD CONSULTED WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND WAS AUTHORIZED TO REPEAT WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME THAT MORNING, AS REPORTED REF B, NAMELY THAT VENEZUELA INTENDED TO KEEP ITS WORD AND WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY ACTION RE RECOGNITION OF CUBA OUTSIDE OF THE AMBIT OF OAS.

2. SCHACHT TOLD ME THAT A "DELEGATION" HAD ARRIVED FROM BOGOTA, INCLUDING PANAMANIAN FONMIN TACK AND AN UNAMED COLOMBIAN, UNDOUBEDLY RAMIRO ANDRADE AS REPORTED PARA THREE REF C. FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF HIS PRESIDENT HAD OUTLINED VENEZUELAN POSITION RE CUBA AND THE NECESSITY OF PROCEEDING IN THIS MATTER THROUGH OAS. IT IS CLEAR THAT POSITIONS OF THE TWO PRESIDENT, LOPEZ IN BOGOTA AND PEREZ IN CARACAS, ARE IDENTICAL. HOWEVER, TACK WAS NOT DISPOSED TO ACCEPT THE PERSUASION OF COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA: AND SCHACHT TOLD ME THAT PANAMA WOULD UNILATERALLY GO AHEAD TO RECOGNIZE CASTRO.

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3. COMMENT: AS INDICATED PARA TWO REF B, VENEZUELA AND COLOMBIA

WILL PROBABLY GO AHEAD NOW AND SUPPORT A MOTION IN OAS COUNCIL TO SET UP FACIO'S INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE. IN FACT, SCHACHT TOLD ME ON THE PHONE THAT VENEZUELA WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF ESTABLISHING SUCH A FACT FINDING GROUP. HE AND PRESIDENT PEREZ OBVIOUSLY FEEL THAT THEY WILL MEET OUR REQUIREMENTS IF THE FINDINGS OF THAT GROUP ARE NOT SUBMITTED TO FINAL OAS CONSIDERATION UNTIL LATE NOVEMBER. I THINK THIS IS ABOUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN HOPE FOR AND BELIEVE THAT FURTHER ADMONITIONS AND REQUESTS TO PUT OFF ANY--REPEAT ANY--OAS ACTION WILL BE FRUITLESS. I BELIEVE AMBASSADOR VAKY SHARES THIS OPINION, TO JUDGE FROM FIFTH PARAGRAPH REF C. MCCLINTOCK

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